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In re Application of: Gennady MERKULOV et al.

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Examiner: C. Fronda

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN
METALLOPROTEASE PROTEINS, NUCLEIC
ACID MOLECULES ENCODING HUMAN
PROTEASE PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement from Examiner Fronda mailed on September 16, 2003 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group II, claims 4, 5, 8-11, 22 and 23, directed to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, vector, host cell for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II, IV-XII.

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A Preliminary Amendment (Restriction Election) and a request for a two-month extension of time in the above-identified application follows.

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